Transmission of Gas from Hazira to Utran

4512. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2986 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th August, 1992 and state:

(a) what is Government's response to the offers of the Gujarat Government and Gujarat Electricity Board that they are prepared to bear expenses for the transmission of gas from Hazira to Utran at their own cost and their commitment that on availability of gas from the Gandhar Hazira transmitted gas would be discontinued by themselves; and

(b) whether it is a fact that 200M.W. gas-based power plant ot Utran is laying idledue to non-availability of gas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The offer has not been fund feasible, as the gas from the Hazira Gas Terminal is already committed to various consumers ex-Hazira and along the HBJ pipeline.

(b) An Action Plan has been prepared to expedite supplies to the second unit of the Uttaran power station. However, this is subject to GEB signing the Gas Supply Contract, and clearing the arrears due to ONGC/GAIL.

पेट्रोल पम्प खोलने को अनुमति प्रदान करना

4513. श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल: क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि 1 जुलाई, 1991 से 30 जून, 1992 तक की अवधि के दौरान राज्य वार कितने-कितने पेट्रोल पम्प खोलने की अनुमति दी गई?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी. शंकरानन्द): 1 जुलाई, 1991 से 30 जून 1992 तक सरकार ने अपने विवेकाधिकार से 19 खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्र आवंटित किए। चूंकि सरकार द्वारा अनुकंपा आधार पर स्व-विवेक से आवंटन किए जाते हैं, इसलिए राज्य-वार आवंटन का प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Supply of L.P.G. Cylinders

4514. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that due to short supply of L.P.G. cylinders, many consumers are not getting LPG refills in time;

(b) what is the demand and supply position of LPG cylinders, State-wise, at present; and

(c) what steps are being taken to improve the supply of LPG cylinders?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The installed cylinder manufacturing capacity outnumbers the demand of LPG cylinders.

Panel of Experts on Oil Exploration

4515. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the panel of experts on oil exploration has recently submitted its recommendation for boosting crude exploration and production and reducing imports and forex expenditure;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B.

SHANKARANAND): (a) No such 'Panel of Experts' has been appointed.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Reconstitution of Oil Selection Boards

4516. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to reconstitute the Oil Selection Boards; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Reconstitution of Oil Selection Boards are being finalised by the Government.

Railway line from Murkongselek to Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh

4517. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a new railway line from Murkongselek railway station to Pasighat, district headquarters of East Siang of Arunachal Pradesh during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this project is likely to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Train Service in North East Sector

4518. SHRI BHADRESHWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the train service in the North East Sector is very irregular;

(b) whether a 'Rajdhani Express' from Delhi to Guwahati would be introduced to cover the North East by this high profile train;

(c) by when it is likely to be introduced; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Train services frequently get upset in North-East Sector on account of continued difficult law and order situation in the area. Presently, night running of trains between Srirampur and Rangiya is restricted for security reasons due to Bodo problem.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Due to lack of resources and sufficient commercial justification.

Land on both sides of the railway tracks of Central and Western Railway

4519. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land available on both sides of the railway tracks of both Central and Western Railway in the Bombay Suburban section is being cultivated for growing vegetables; and

(b) whether this land has been given for vegetable cultivation by the Railways and if so, who are the people to whom the land has been given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHR MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Wherever feasible, suitable plots of railway land, on both sides of railway track, in Bombay Suburban section, have been licensed to railway employees and outsiders for vegetable cultivation.